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1. COLLATERAL REPORTS POLONIA AIRFIELD LOCATED IN NORTHEAST SUMATRA, NEAR THE STRATEGIC STRAITS OF MALACCA, AND APPROXIMATELY 185 NM WEST-NORTHWEST OF KUALA LUMPUR (CAPITAL OF MALAYSIA). DUE TO ITS SUPERIOR LOGISTIC FACILITIES, JAVA HAS BEEN THE SITE OF MOST INDONESIAN AIR ACTIVITY; HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DEPLOYED TO THE OUTER ISLANDS FOR OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS AND FOR PROTECTION AGAINST ANY POSSIBLE RETALIATORY BRITISH AIR STRIKES. THERE ARE USUALLY SEVERAL MIG-21 (FISHBED), IL-28 (BEAGLE), AND TU-16 (BADGER) AIRCRAFT AT POLONIA. COMINT INDICATED THREE MIG-21 AIRCRAFT LEFT FOR POLONIA FROM ISWAHJUDI AT THE END OF MARCH 1964 TO JOIN THE TWO OR THREE BADGERS AND THREE IL-28'S ALREADY DEPLOYED THERE. THE INDONESIAN AIR ORDER OF BATTLE INCLUDES 18 MIG-21 (FISHBED) (OUT OF ORIGINAL 20 DELIVERED BY THE USSR), 24 TU-16 (BADGER), AND 23 IL-28 (BEAGLE) AIRCRAFT.
2. COLLATERAL ALSO REVEALS THAT IN NOVEMBER 1963 A NEW TAXIWAY WAS REPORTED TO BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE NORTH-NORTHEAST END OF THE RUNWAY. THE TAXIWAY WAS TO EXTEND SOUTH TO A NEW HARDSTAND CAPABLE OF SUPPORTING TU-16'S.

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THE FIRST 300 METERS OF THE SOUTH-SOUTHWEST END OF THE RUNWAY WAS CLOSED AND REHABILITATED FROM APRIL TO AUGUST 1964.

3. AIRFIELD HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN COVERED BY TALENT PHOTOGRAPHY OF 1958 [REDACTED] REVEALED

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2 BADGER, 3 BEAGLE, AND 3 POSSIBLE SMALL SWEEP-WING AIRCRAFT.

4. THIS MISSION [REDACTED] REVEALS A

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7,850 X 170 FT, SERVICEABLE BLACKTOP RUNWAY, ORIENTED NNE/SSW, LOCATED ON THE SOUTH EDGE OF MEDAN. AIRCRAFT OBSERVED ARE 4 TU-16 (BADGER), 1 IL-28 (BEAGLE), AND 6 MIG-21 (FISHBED).

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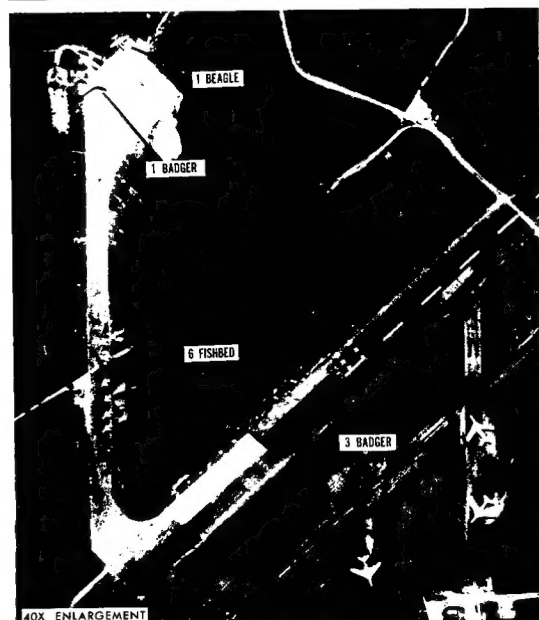
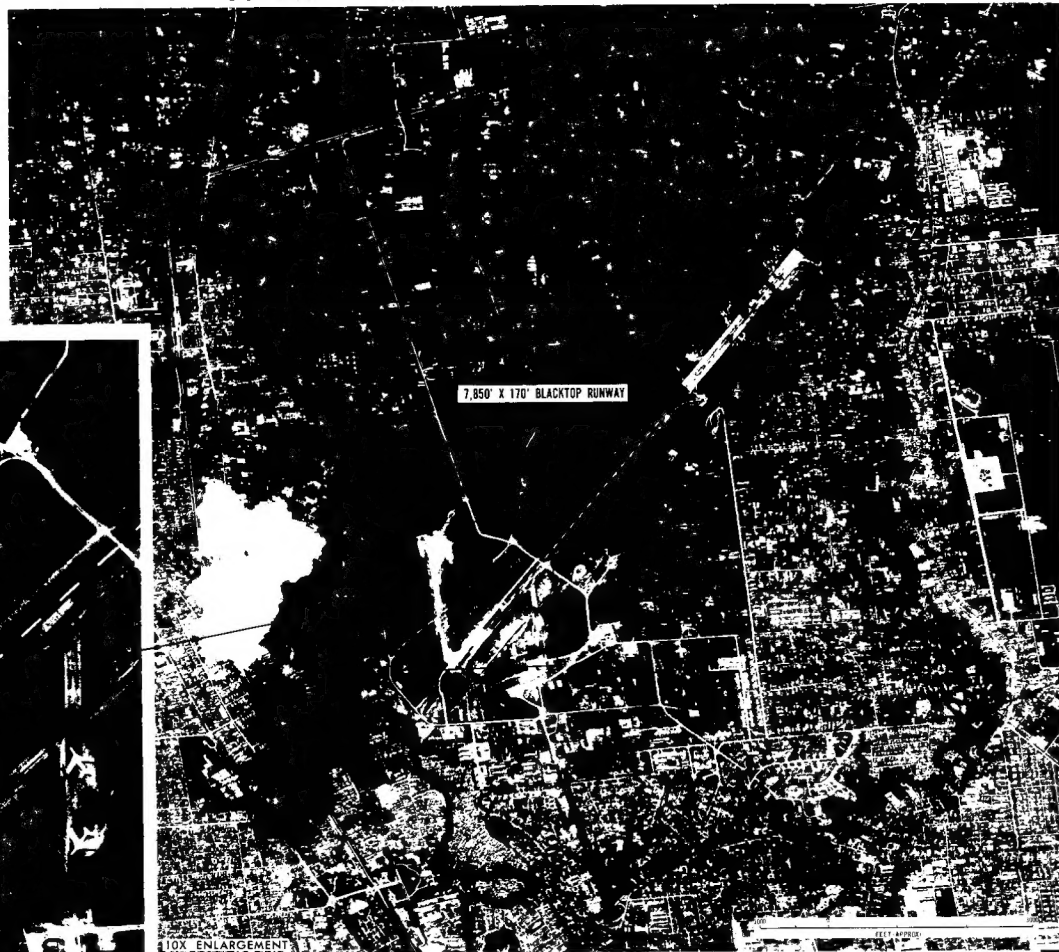
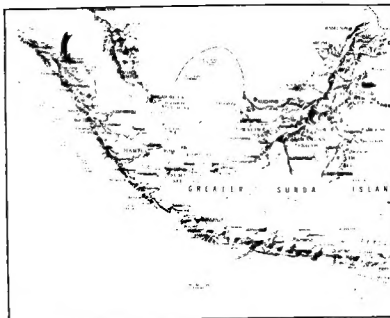
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